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THE FOLLOWING REPEAT ROME 16173 ACTION SECSTATE
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1. DEVELOPMENTS SINCE DC SIDE-STEPPED THROUGH HORNS OF DILEMMA
IT FACED OVER WEEKEND (REFTEL) VIRTUALLY ASSURE FORMATION OF MORO-
LET DC-PRI COALITION WITH PARLIAMENTARY (EXTERNAL) SUPPORT OF BOTH
REPEAT BOTH SOCIALIST PARTIES. WHILE FORMAL CONSTITUTION OF THE
OF THE GOVERNMENT IS LIKELY TO TAKE SOME DAYS, ALL OBSTACLES APPEAR
TO HAVE BEEN OVERCOME THROUGH SERIES OF FEVERISH CONSULTATIONS AND
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PARTY MEETINGS SET OFF BY THE DC'S LIMITATION OF MORO'S PARTY

MANDATE TO THE FORMATION OF A TWO PARTY DC-PRI GOVERNMENT. IN PARTY MEETINGS TODAY, REPUBLICANS FORMALLY ACCEPTED DC PROPOSALS, AND SOCIAL DEMOCRAT DIRECTORATE HAS BEEN CONVEKED TO RATIFY THE ACCEPTANCE ALREADY DECIDED BY THE PSDI SECRETARIAT. THE SOCIALIST SECRETARIAT IS CONVOKED FOR THIS EVENING, BUT PARTY SECRETARY DEMARTINO AND OTHER LEADERS HAVE ALREADY VOICED INFORMAL ACCEPTANCE.

2. EMBASSY SOURCES AND PRESS REPORTS CONFIRM THAT MORO-FANFANI COMPROMISE WAS REACHED LATE SUNDAY EVENING TO AVOID OPEN SPLIT IN THE DC. AFTER UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY DC DIRECTORATE ON MONDAY, DC PARTY DELEGATION, NOT INCLUDING MORO, MADE CRUCIAL BREAKTHROUGH MONDAY EVENING IN SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH THE REPUBLICANS AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATS. MORO'S ROUND OF MEETINGS WITH PARTY DELEGATIONS TODAY

APPARENTLY CONSOLIDATED RESOLUTION OF 48 DAY OLD CRISIS.

3. ONE DC SOURCE INDICATES THAT MORO WILL PROBABLY RETURN TO LEONE TOMORROW TO WITHDRAW THE (TRADITIONAL) RESERVATION EXPRESSED WHEN HE ACCEPTED THE MANDATE, AND RAPIDLY PUT TOGETHER A GOVERNMENT. THE NEED TO SATISFY TWO PARTIES ONLY, ONE OF THEM SMALL, FACILITATES THE TASK OF DISTRIBUTING PORTFOLIOS. VOLPE

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